

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION

and

ENERGY COMMITTEE

of the

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Economic Development, Higher Education & Energy Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Lynne Nowick • Chairperson

Legislator Angie Carpenter • Vice•Chair

Legislator Brian Foley

Legislator Jon Cooper

Legislator Jay Schneiderman

Legislator Cameron Alden

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mea Knapp • Counsel to the Legislature

Joe Schroeder • Budget Review Office

Joe Muncey • Budget Review Office

Ilona Julius • Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Ben Zwirn • County Executive's Office

Carolyn Fahey • Economic Development

Charles Stein • Suffolk Community College

George Gatta • Suffolk Community College

Colonel Michael Canders • 106th Air National Guard

Jim Morgo • Commissioner of Economic Development and Workforce Housing

Steve Schrier • Suffolk County Center on Holocaust

Jack O'Connor

Kathleen Giamo

Kevin Peterman

All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano • Court Stenographer.

(* THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:40 A.M. *)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good morning. Welcome to Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy. We will start with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Legislator Schneiderman.

SALUTATION

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good morning, everybody. Nice to see everybody before it starts snowing again. Okay. We have a few cards here for the public portion. We will start with Jack O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR:

Hi.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good morning, Mr. O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR:

I appreciate the courtesy of putting me on first. I'm here today to talk about for a couple of minutes, Kathy Giamo's nomination for Economic Development for the Industrial Development Agency. I have known Kathy for over 30 years. She is a leader in the world of commercial real estate on Long Island. She was vice president in charge of leasing for Reckson Associates

for almost 20 years, Reckson being almost the largest single holder of commercial real estate on the Island.

She has gained the respect of all of the industry on the brokerage side as well as her representing the ABLI. In addition to her many talents, she has been Chairman of the CW Post Real Estate Practitioners Group for the past several years. In addition, again, she has served on many fund•raisers as Chairwoman, such as the American Heart Association and many more. Her energy is tireless. It is because of her broad base of experience and respect that she be appointed as •• to this position as a member of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency. I thank you for your time. If you have any questions?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you, Mr. O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a card here from Kathy Giamo. Do you want to come up now or do you want to come up later and make your presentation? Now, it's three minutes, later, we get to ••

MS. GIAMO:

I'll come up later.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Kevin Peterman. Hi, Kevin.

MR. PETERMAN:

Hi. Thank you very much. I just want to give you a brief update on our efforts, the Faculty Association's efforts, in educating the state officials up in Albany. As you know, the budget •• there are a lot of budget rumors, whether there will be an on•time budget or not, but we have been up there for the last couple of weeks trying to get more state aid. What I'm doing is handing out a sheet that we have used for our education efforts. And basically what we are trying to point out to the state is that the students are paying 39% of the freight at the college and that the state is paying about 26%. And we're trying to see if we can get both the Higher Education Committee in the Assembly and the Higher Education Committee in the Senate to come up with more state aid for Suffolk Community •• for all community colleges, but specifically, obviously, we were giving them specific facts about Suffolk.

What we're hearing is that there are two bills up there; one in the Senate that increases FTEA \$90 dollars; and there's a bill in the Assembly that increases FTEA by \$115. And obviously, we're doing what we can to try to get everyone on \$115. But I just wanted to update you on our efforts to try to get some more state aid.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Is there any way we can help with this?

MR. PETERMAN:

Sure. If you have any friends up in the Assembly or the Senate, it wouldn't hurt. Obviously, Ken LaValle is the Chair of the Higher Education Committee in the Senate. There's another portion •• there's another piece in the bill that has to do with rental aid, which we would like to get restored, which will help Suffolk specifically quite a bit. But obviously, I would certainly •• I think we would all appreciate any help we can get. What we heard last week when I was up in Albany is that they really are trying very hard to get an on•time budget. So this is crunch time.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Would it be •• I'm asking the committee, do you think a letter from this committee to the appropriate Senators, would everybody be in favor of something like that?

LEG. FOLEY:

If I may, Madam Chair. I think it's well taken, the comments of Faculty Association. We've done this in prior years where there's time constraints where the committee individually as well as collectively, we would call or write to both the Assembly and to the Senate Long Island Delegation members about the Community College and the need to give it a full•needs budget. So certainly, if there's a letter that can go out today, because I ••

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So I will do a joint letter, and then individually we can contact our appropriate Senators.

MR. PETERMAN:

If I may, I just want to point out on the other side we're talking about this year's budget. Obviously last year, the Suffolk County Legislature gave us an additional 4%. We have an additional number of FTEs that we were budgeted on. The tuition for this year, the students, their share went up 11%. And the state last year, their actual aid went down 5%. So I think it's important •• obviously, we appreciate any help we can get.

LEG. FOLEY:

Follow up, Madam Chair. Can I have a follow up?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. FOLEY:

Thank you. Thanks, Kevin. You mentioned there's also some specific budgetary language for the college.

MR. PETERMAN:

Well, I think it deals with rental aid. I think Chuck Stein is probably more aware of the specifics of that. But I do know that there's rental aid that would certainly help Suffolk.

LEG. FOLEY:

Okay. And second, of course, is tuition. What is your judgement, what is your sense of where things are moving in Albany?

MR. PETERMAN:

There seems to be a pattern •• in Albany?

LEG. FOLEY:

Yeah. Well, sometimes you can get ••

MR. PETERMAN:

Depends on what time it is, I think.

LEG. FOLEY:

Sometimes you can get a sense of these things.

MR. PETERMAN:

Well, we were up there last week and most of the people up there were saying they were doing everything they can to get an on•time budget, maybe a day or two late, but there seems to be an effort. That's the last I heard.

LEG. FOLEY:

Now, if they're looking at an on•time budget, would that then sacrifice •• would they then sacrifice the opportunity to increase •• that's one of the concerns.

MR. PETERMAN:

One of the things we said was we would rather have a budget that's a little late that's a better budget than an on•time budget that's a disaster.

LEG. FOLEY:

Right. Well, thank you for bringing this to our attention.

MR. PETERMAN:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Hold on one second. Legislator Cooper, then Legislator Alden.

LEG. COOPER:

Good morning. I was just wondering, does the problem seem to be primarily in the Senate, or do you also need additional support in the Assembly?

MR. PETERMAN:

Honestly, I think any time ••

LEG. COOPER:

The bills that you had mentioned earlier, are they Assembly bills •• are they Assembly bills that you had mentioned earlier? Is there Senate counterpart?

MR. PETERMAN:

Well, there are two competing bills, and I understand in the Conference Committee they're trying to work it out, but obviously we're trying to get everyone to agree on 115. I'd obviously like to get even more to make up for the past, but, you know.

LEG. COOPER:

But does there appear to be majority support in the Assembly at least, or even there ••

MR. PETERMAN:

Well, in the Assembly it seems •• what we're hearing is that they seem to agree on 115.

LEG. COOPER:

Okay.

LEG. FOLEY:

What's the other number?

MR. PETERMAN:

Ninety.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Kevin, in the lawsuit that the lawmakers brought •• or no, Pataki, I guess, brought the lawsuit against the lawmakers and they lost, how does that affect

the mix? Shouldn't we put a full court press on everybody, including Pataki, because it seems like he has more line item power than the Legislators would have at this point?

MR. PETERMAN:

Honestly, you know, we have been lobbying all three branches or all three players, if you will. Certainly, yeah, it doesn't hurt.

LEG. ALDEN:

But I'm not sure how it works as far as ••

MR. PETERMAN:

Well, the problem that we had even last year, I mean, the Governor's budget, you know, decreased aid to the college, which, you know, obviously in my opinion, if you look at the actual contributions for FTS support from the state, it's gone down. And the burden keeps shifting toward the student, which, you know, I think •• the thing that we were talking about up in Albany, there actually •• in the Education Law, it actually talks about if you are a full opportunity institution, that the state said that they would give us 40%. They did that, from what I understand, one year. It's actually Section 63•04 A of the Education Law, says that the state will give an open opportunity college 40%.

LEG. ALDEN:

That's an option for them, not mandatory.

MR. PETERMAN:

From what I understand, is every year when they pass the budget, there's a

little line in there that exempts them from doing it. So they give themselves a mandate, then they give themselves a way out of it, my opinion. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. We do have not any other yellow cards, so I'm going to go on to the presentations. Although the agenda has the Director from Suffolk County College on first, I need to go to Colonel Michael F. Canders, the Wing Commander of the 106th Air National Guard, because I understand there's a time constraint here. And I'm sure Mr. Schrier doesn't mind just in this case. Jim Morgo is coming up also.

COLONEL CANDERS:

Good morning, everyone. I'm Colonel Michael Canders, Commander of the 106 Rescue Wing, and I'm honored to be here this morning before you representing a thousand men and women of the 106 Rescue Wing and their families who have been fully engaged on the global war on terrorism since September 11th, 2001.

I want to acknowledge the great support of Suffolk County for the Wing and the Gabreski Air National Guard Base over the past two years, particularly the efforts the County Executive Steve Levy, Commissioner Jim Morgo and Carolyn Fahey from Economic Development and Legislator Jay Schneiderman who's spent a lot of time at our base understanding us, understanding our important mission, and we're deeply appreciative of all of the efforts and of all of the support we have gotten over the past few years.

On September 11th, 2001, a few minutes after the attack, the men and women of the Wing gathered at Gabreski and then deployed to Ground Zero to provide rescue and recovery services to the thousands that were lost. Unfortunately, as you know, not many were recovered, but we were there on that morning shortly after the attack. And then the following months, we deployed to Operation in South Watch in Kuwait, Operation Northern Watch in _Inslovic_ , Turkey and also to Operation Iraqi Freedom last year.

Most of our Wing members are home now from Iraq, and I'm pleased to say that we were very fortunate that we did not suffer any casualties during our service. I have two members in Iraq today doing some special missions, and we hope to have them home soon. Our ability to deliver combat search and rescue services overseas and to protect the homeland, because it's important to release as an Air National Guard Unit, we have an obligation to serve not only the President, but the Governor of the State of New York. So if we're called into service to serve the people of the state, we're ready to do that.

Our ability to do that mission, both overseas and at home is absolutely dependant on our ability to prepare for those missions and to train for those missions, and the Gabreski Air National Guard Base is the perfect place for a Combat Search and Rescue Wing to train. We have close proximity to some special training areas over the ocean where we can fly our aircraft, both our helicopters and C•130s at a very low level. We have great training opportunities at the base, drop zones, a 9000 foot runway. And our proximity to New York City means that we're ready to go if, God forbid, September 11, II happens.

One thousand men and women and their families are focused and dedicated on serving America and serving the people of the State of New York, particularly the people of Suffolk County. I'm proud to say that I'm a long time Suffolk County resident. Most of my Wing members are from Suffolk

County. Besides our combat search and rescue work, we also have provided civil search and rescue, mostly for the people of Suffolk County, over 300 lives saved since the inception of the Rescue Wing.

So today, I'm here to answer any questions or to talk about Resolution Number 1333, which is airport joint use agreement, which we have with Suffolk County. And I am very pleased to accept on behalf of the men and women of the Wing the offer to proceed with the joint use agreement, which is at no cost to the government. I'd like to point out that what we provide or the value we add at Suffolk County is multimillions of dollars, if you will. We provide the tour, the landing systems, maintenance of the landing systems, snow removal and fire protection. And again, we are there to provide whatever services with the broad range of combat skills we have to the people of Suffolk County and the people of New York.

So to conclude, I would like to thank you again as members of the Suffolk County Legislature, the County Executive, Commissioner Morgo, Carolyn, all of your great support, and we look forward to remaining at Gabreski Air National Guard Base for many years to come. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. Legislator Alden has a question.

LEG. ALDEN:

Hi, Colonel. A while ago there was pressure on •• to close the base, has that been relieved, and can you tell us ••

COLONEL CANDERS:

No, unfortunately, it hasn't been relieved yet. The Base Realignment and Closure Commission has just been named by the President, that's a nine member council of appointees. The President •• President Bush nominated them March 15th. They will get Senate confirmation and then on May 15th, they will be presented with a list of bases from around the United States that are candidates for realignment or closure, and so Gabreski Air National Guard Base is in the mix, if you will, to be considered for realignment or closure.

I think if you measure us against the BRAC criteria, we measure up very, very strongly. And I'm confident that our case has been made. However, one concern has been the fact that the State of New York has five Air National Guard bases, unique in the United States, no other state has that many. So there were some concerns politically about that, that maybe one of bases would have to be closed. Again, that's strictly, I'll say, may be more of a political perspective. In terms of the BRAC criteria, we meet it. And one of the criteria is the cost benefits analysis. So having a one dollar joint use agreement certainly helps our case.

LEG. ALDEN:

Is there anything else we can as a Legislative body do to lobby for the non •closure? And I know the history •• wasn't there an air wing of fighter planes, right, at one time?

COLONEL CANDERS:

Many years ago, yes. Actually, the Gabreski Guard Base was a descendent of the Suffolk County Air Force Base or Suffolk Air Force Base, and I think in the early '70s, there was an air defense wing flying F•102s and other aircraft. Actually outside our gate, is still an F•102, a remnant of that past. We transitioned to the rescue mission in 1975. And over the years, we have really blossomed and grown into a frontline combat wing as well as a state force, as I mentioned earlier, to be utilized by the Governor.

LEG. ALDEN:

Sorry to repeat it again, but what else can we do as far as to help?

COLONEL CANDERS:

Well, as I said, Legislator Schneiderman had been fully engaged with us and the Commissioner has been fully engaged with us, so nothing comes to mind per se. I think that the Federal Legislators, Congressman Bishop, Congressman Israel, Senator Clinton all visited the base, they are all engaged. I'll put out an open invitation for any and all of you to come and visit us. I think you'd be impressed by what you see out there and to remember that of the 1000 men and women that serve out there, three •quarters of them are Guardsmen, they're Reservists, they're Suffolk County residents, some of them work for the County of Suffolk, policemen, firemen, lawyers, doctors, nurses, and what they do as Reservists is very impressive. So I always like to share that with whoever would like to come see us.

LEG. ALDEN:

Timmy Malloy was trying to get me to come out there.

MR. MORGO:

Madam Chairwoman, can I respond to Legislator Alden's question as well of what more? You know, when my department first became involved in the whole rescue of the 106, it was primarily because of its economic impact to Long Island, more than \$106 million it generates for Long Island, and we see that in many different ways. However, I soon learned that the people making the decisions, specifically the Department of Defense, didn't care about that. All they cared about is, as Mike said, was the cost benefit analysis, the economics and the military worth.

And, in fact, when I came on in September, one of the first •• actually, before I even started working for the County, I was out in August, and although it has a lot of community support, that's not really important. So I'm going to just echo what Colonel Canders said, that by agreeing to an airport joint agreement, an AJUA, at one dollar a year, that is very significant to the Department of Defense, because the average cost of these joint use agreements between the Air Force and the municipality is about \$51,000 across the country. So you are doing something significant if you agree to this.

Another thing you can do, though, Legislator Alden, and all of you, because as Colonel Canders said, we have five bases in this state, and because Defense Secretary Rumsfeld has gone on record saying he wants to eliminate 20% of all bases across the country, and we have more Air National Guard than any state in the nation, the Governor, Albany are going to be significant in this decision making. Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Theile have been part of this effort as well, but if you could contact both of them, particularly Senator LaValle, that would be important as well.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Schneiderman.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Good morning. First, I'd like to thank you, Colonel Canders, for coming out this morning. I'd like to state on the record what a fine job you do out there. I've been out there on numerous occasions, and I think we are all very fortunate to have you as well as the fine men and women at the 106 who are there. I think we all sleep a little bit better at night knowing your presence is there.

The County can do several things, as has been stated. The County has passed this resolution, this Sense Resolution, on behalf of the Legislature in support of the base. We have also this joint use agreement, which we will have in front of us today, which lowers it, I believe, from \$30,000 to \$1. I think that is a show of support as well and a recognition of all that the 106 does for the County. You mentioned some of the things; the tower, the snow plowing. There is cost associated to that.

If the 106 were not there •• for instance, the 106 is running the navigational communications, so if there's a plane landing, they're directed which runway to use, when to come in, how to line up, this is all done by the Air National Guard. It saves the County an awful lot of money. And so for us to discount the \$30,000 or twenty•nine nine, I think it's really an appreciation for not just having them there, but all the contributions they make that help offset the cost of running the airport.

Another thing the County can do is make additional land available. There has been basically a sentiment toward allowing the 70 acres additional land to be used or made available to the Air National Guard. I think that will help position the Air National Guard. I don't know what point that comes in front of this Legislature, but at some point, we'll have an opportunity to look at that.

I want to remind the Legislature that this property was at one point federal property. It became County property, and by allowing a federal function, the Air National Guard, to be there, we really are not giving anything up. We got the property through the Federal Government, so now we're basically returning it to the Federal Government for use that benefits not only the region, but the County, and, of course, the state and our national interest as

well. So I'm certainly going to support this joint use agreement. Again, thank you for coming, and thank you for the work you do.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Foley.

LEG. FOLEY:

Thank you, Madam Chair. And I wanted to also echo our thanks, collective thanks, to you, Colonel, and to the base for the extraordinary work you have done, both in saving over 300 lives out of the waters of Long Island, but also the daring rescues that you had undertaken in Iraq over the past many months, year and a half. It's truly an extraordinary testimony to the valor of your members, so we want to say thank you for that.

Additionally, you mentioned about the five bases in New York. And one of the concerns would be if this was closed, certainly you would then be redeployed somewhere else, I think then the issue becomes the delay in time of rescue operations, particularly in the Atlantic Ocean. I think that's a very important piece of this and should not be lost on the decision makers in the Pentagon, that part of our National Defense is also how quickly you can respond to events close to our shoreline.

And when you consider the fact that the Coast Guard had closed down the Floyd Bennett Field many years ago, so there's nothing between •• I don't think •• Cape May to the south and Cape Cod to the north, that there's one of the populated areas of the eastern seaboard is right here, so it makes a lot of sense that we keep this 106 Wing here on Long Island in order to have that

much of a quicker response time than if you were redeployed elsewhere in the state or somewhere else inland. So for all those reasons, I just want to say thank you. I have visited the base, and it truly is remarkable what you do. And we stand ready to do what we can to be of help for you to accomplish your mission. So, again, thank you on behalf of our •• my constituents.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. Are there any other questions?

MR. MORGO:

If I may add, Madam Chairwoman, please keep in mind that May 15 date. That is the date when the list from the Base Realignment and Closure Committee, BRAC, will be coming out. And one more response to Legislator Foley. Brian, in addition to the fact of the change in distance, as the Colonel said, most of the men and women of the 106 are from Long Island. If the base were realigned, they would not relocate. There would be a real problem with these highly skilled trained people retaining them, so that's another reason. But we will •• you will know if, and we all hope it isn't, but if the base is on the BRAC list that comes out on the 15th, then we'll have to talk about other things we can do.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you, and thank you, Colonel Candlers.

COLONEL CANDERS:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Next we have Steve Schrier, Executive Director of Suffolk County Community College Center on Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding.

MR. SCHRIER:

Thank you, Legislator Nowick. I appreciate the opportunity to come and brief you on what is a new activity at the Community College and to let you know that the Board of Trustees sees an important role for the college in dealing with issues of prejudice and tolerance and bias in the community.

We formed a not•for•profit corporation two years ago, which was pretty much stimulated by the receipt of a significant donation of a collection of Holocaust materials, original Holocaust materials, and in trying to decide how to make best use of these materials. We thought it would be best to connect with the community by creating the not•for•profit corporation. And the Board of Directors that currently are on the Board, it's Chaired by _Dr. Vicki Waxman_ , who was a member of the College Trustees and played a very instrumental role in having this collection contributed to the college. And we retain a connection to the College Trustees with William Moore, the Chair of the Trustees, being on the board as well as the College President being on the Board. I am serving as Executive Director, but I am also a member of the college faculty.

The gallery in which we have set up, and we did have a dedication ceremony there two weeks ago to formally initiate our use of the space, is a one

hundred thousand •• it's a thousand square foot space, which is on the second floor of the library on the Ammerman Campus. It is basically a teaching and educational facility, but it is also available for use of the community. We currently have space in there to display about 83 items in our collection. The collection is over 200 items and continues to grow. While we did have the one main primary donation originally, now that we have been set up, we are receiving additional materials.

This is just a sample photograph of inside the gallery, some of the materials as you can see. These are original items. There are photographs, there are documents, and then there are these artifacts, which include some of the items used in the concentration camps, including clothing, gas masks, gas canisters and the like. This is a mission statement that we are working with at the moment, which really restates our connection to the community.

The first activity we had engaged in was in Spring of 2004, in which we had our first exhibit of the collection, which was •• we actually held it over in the Sagtikos Building on the Grant Campus before we were permanently set up in the library, and we had several presentations that day, including one by Peter _Malkin_ who you may have noticed the obituary a couple of weeks ago when he passed away. We have just •• we followed it up in October with a display at the council for •• the Center for Prejudice Reduction's annual meeting. And this was, we say planned, but we just held the dedication ceremony two weeks ago.

We're also just finishing up a Women's History Program on women in the resistance, which featured a touring exhibit that came to us from Israel. And we had several speakers, Holocaust survivors. Monday and Tuesday of this week, we had a program at the Grant Campus, we had 325 high school students each day from Huntington High School, Northport, Longwood, Commack and Kings Park that attended •• saw the exhibit. They had

assignments from their teachers related to the exhibit that we help set up for them. And they heard •• Congressman Israel came yesterday. We had a Holocaust survivor speak, and we had a film. The exhibit was also on the Ammerman Campus for a week, and we have a similar program there for college students.

Upcoming, and you will be receiving invitations to this, on the morning of April 15th, we are going to have what hopefully will be fairly remarkable event. We have a number of cosponsors already participating in the multi •faith, multi•cultural breakfast to look at freedom from the perspectives of all of the major faiths. And it will be cosponsored by the Long Island Council of Churches, the Long Island Board of Rabbis, the Islamic Association, the Chinese•American Association, PRONTO and probably half a dozen other groups that have already joined with us on this •• on this breakfast program. We are also beginning work on a symposium for the fall on the immigrant experience simulating into Long Island, and we expect that we will also do that in a cosponsorship situation.

A number of college classes use the facility. It really is, as I said, primarily an educational facility; college classes in the Holocaust Study naturally use it, but also classes that are studying World War II, Global Studies, Communication, and we are expecting that Art, Music, Literature, Poetry and other classes will also be coming in. We've hosted a variety of community meetings, including the County Ant•Bias Task Force, Town of Brookhaven Anti•Bias Task Force, and we've invited other groups to come in and utilize our facility.

We have established a Long Island Diversity Calender in conjunction with the Council for Prejudice Reduction •• which I'm not sure if we're connected to the internet here, I'll show it to you •• well, it doesn't go. We have utilized the calendering system, and that enables groups on Long Island that are

hosting events or planning events to post the •• their activity on our calender, so there is one place where everyone can go to look to see the types of events occurring on Long Island. And if you're an organization that wants to plan events, you can take a look and see what's going on so you know if the date is already occupied. This is the March calender. You can see some of our own events here, the Holocaust Women in the Resistance, but also, there will be a number of other events, you know, running on here that are related to a similar topic, and you can see that it's an ongoing calender that goes out to the months ahead.

We have established a website as well, which I won't take you to now. But if you have a chance, take a look, chdhu.org, which is still being developed, but it will have historical materials, there will be graphic materials as well as information on our events. That's just a summary of the kinds of items we have in the collection. These are just a few samples that I've shown for you to take a look at. This is a •• the Judgment at Nuremberg, the sentences that were handed down, this is the original document. This is a Crystal _Knoft_ display of what happened in the synagogue, anti•Semitic poster, a scene upon liberation. And by the way, we are planning on doing a program in conjunction with Veterans Day using some of the materials we have from Liberation and some people on Long Island who are involved with Liberation. This is the screen from Nuremburg Trial, Cyclin B gas canister. And that's the conclusion of the presentation. So if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer those for you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. Thank you for that inclusive presentation, Mr. Schrier. Does anybody have any questions? Thank you very much.

MR. SCHRIER:

Any time.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Is there anybody else from the College that needs to address •• Chuck.

Good morning.

MR. STEIN:

Good morning. Thank you. I just wanted to take a moment to address the agenda that you have before you. There are three Capital Resolutions that you see before you with respect to the Capital Program that you approved last year. I wanted to mention that there are six others that were submitted, but have not come over to you as yet. And I wanted to just mention them so you can keep an eye out for them, because, as you know, the College has a limited window of opportunity to do work during the year. And the ones that have not come over yet, but hopefully will at the next meeting, include the HVACR Building at the Grant Campus, which is Capital Project 2111, the planning for dormitory housing, Capital Project 2112; the Capital Project for fire sprinkler infrastructure at Ammerman Campus, Capital Project 2129; improvements and replacements to roofs in various buildings college•wide, Capital Project 2137; the waterproofing of building exteriors, Capital Project 2177, and finally, Capital Project 2192, which is improvements to college entrances. These are all vitally important. You saw fit to make sure that they were included in the Capital Program, and it's very important that they be accomplished. I know that there are a lot of Capital pressures on the County with respect to the jail and other projects, but I certainly hope that these come forward and will be approved by you. Thank you. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Foley, then Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. FOLEY:

Thanks, Madam Chair. Chuck, these other resolutions that you are waiting sponsorship for, do you •• were you expecting to do that work this coming summer or what was the time line?

MR. STEIN:

A lot of that is for the design work so we can get into the construction the following year, but we really have to get ••

LEG. FOLEY:

This is the design phase. So the construction, obviously, then wouldn't be this summer, you're looking at the following summer. However, you need enough lead time during design phase to get all that done in time to have everything ready for the following summer.

MR. STEIN:

Exactly.

LEG. FOLEY:

When is the outside •• as much as you want it done now, how long can one

wait until these resolutions need to come forward? The reason I'm asking is whether or not we should try to get a CN, Madam Chair, for our General Meeting or whether it can wait another cycle.

MR. STEIN:

I think it can probably wait another cycle, but I wouldn't want to go beyond that.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Budget Review, will we have it ready for next cycle?

MR. STEIN:

Well, it has to come over from the County Executive's Budget Office to be laid on the table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I really want to echo what Legislator Foley was saying. I know our next meeting is not until May 10th, I believe, and I'd hate to see us lose all of those weeks. I mean, we're talking a month and a half. We're meeting April 5th and then not again until May 10th, and in particular the resolution on the

dorm study, did you not •• did I hear you mention that one?

MR. STEIN:

That has not come over yet.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I mean, I can't imagine that there should be any delay on that.

MR. STEIN:

I have Paul Cooper here who can comment on the specific resolution.

MR. COOPER:

The time frame depends upon the resolution. We have a project to replace roofs that does not require design. If we had the appropriation now, we could begin the process and do the work during this summer. Others that require design work wouldn't happen until next summer. So we would have to look at all six to let you know which are most critical in the time frame.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, I would suggest that you do that and do let us know and see if perhaps we can get a CN. But apart from all of that, explain to me where the design component of that comes in with the dorm study. To me, I thought it was

done already. Why has that not come over?

MR. STEIN:

I don't know why it hasn't come over here.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Madam Chair, if you could, I'd like to ask someone from the County Exec's Office if they could come up and answer that question.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Sure. Mr. Zwirn.

MR. ZWIRN:

Good morning. The only thing I can think of is that we just •• you know, there's a lot of material being done in the last couple of weeks, and we just •
• I think we filed over 100 and some odd bills, I think it's just backed up in the pile of stuff that we have.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I would really ask if you could check on that.

MR. ZWIRN:

Which is the one on ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

This is the one on the dorm study, and I know that it's tied in to ••

MR. STEIN:

That was project Number 2112.

MR. ZWIRN:

And that's the one that is most sensitive? I mean, I'm just saying. I'll go back ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, it is to me personally, because this is something that was put in last year, and we still haven't moved on it. I see that Mr. Gatta is here, and I know he was working on that. Do you have any information you may want to add on that, through the Chair, if you don't mind?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I can't help thinking about how important all of these are. And if they're just

being held up in a pile because they are busy, maybe we can work •• I know that the HVAC unit is important.

MR. ZWIRN:

I think these three got out because they were safety issues. So I think they tried to move these faster than any of the others. But I don't think there's any reason, you know, other than •• I don't think they're relooking •• I mean, they were all budgeted, you know, projects. So I don't think there's any problem.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

They're all budgeted and ready to go.

MR. ZWIRN:

If there's something that has to be done that's really time sensitive that we need a CN for, otherwise I'm •• unless there's •• unless there's some sort of problem, I will •• which I can let you know in advance, but I'm sure these will be filed shortly and be ready for the May meeting as long as that works.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, on the one particular item that is not going to need any design or any other criteria that was mentioned here today, the dorm study, I would ask specifically if you would check and see if we could have a CN for that. And, George, if there's anything you might want to add to that. I mean, I know you have been doing some preliminary work on this waiting for this to come

forward.

MR. GATTA:

Actually, while we have been waiting, we have been in contact with the Long Island Association and some other organizations regarding the need for workforce housing, additional dormitories and other opportunities for housing on campuses. The LIA has been interested in bringing together possibly SUNY Farmingdale, Suffolk Community College and maybe even SUNY Old Westbury to look at how we could jointly look at provisions for that type of •• for that type of housing; for young professionals, for students, for alumni and look at all the possibilities. So it was our hope that when we did the feasibility study there could be a component that dealt with those issues. We are ready to proceed with that, we're just waiting for the resolution to come forward.

LEG. CARPENTER:

So I think hopefully we have had said enough to give you the impetus •• not you personally, because I know you've been great, Ben, but to kind of get that one to be kicked out.

MR. ZWIRN:

Chuck came over this morning and mentioned to me the six that had not come across. And I'll go back and check. I don't •• I don't •• it's just •• I don't think •• it's just in the pile of things. They wanted to get these three out right away, because they knew they were safety issues, and I think the others are right behind it. This week, because of the quick turnaround •• I mean, I didn't even get a chance to read some of the bills that were filed this week.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, hopefully next week it promises to be a little bit quieter. We have a week before the next Legislative meeting, and if you could pull those out and get those CNs, that would be wonderful.

MR. ZWIRN:

Absolutely. I look forward to catching up for next week.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You're talking about one CN or all of them?

LEG. CARPENTER:

All of them.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. Just so we can move it along, because I can't imagine anything being more important than this college.

MR. STEIN:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. Okay. Is there anybody else that wants to address the committee? If not, we will go on to the agenda.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

1975 has been stricken.

1030. Approving the appointment for Diana D. Schmidt as a member of the Suffolk County Motion Picture/Television Film Commission.

(COUNTY EXEC).

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Is Diana Schmidt here?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Mr. Zwirn just mentioned to me earlier that hopefully she'll be able to be at the next committee meeting if we can table this one cycle.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. We will table. Motion by Legislator Alden to table, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1030 has been **tabled**.

(VOTE: 6•0•0•0)

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1192. Appointing William Mannix as a member of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency. (CARPENTER)

LEG. ALDEN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion to table by Legislator Alden, seconded by Legislator Carpenter.

TABLED. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0)

LEG. CARPENTER:

If I could just put on the record, Mr. Mannix is at a conference and not able to be here this morning. So I was hoping that we could table both of these resolutions addressing this appointment so that we could deal with them both at the same time.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

All right. We are not getting to other ••

LEG. SCHNEDIERMAN:

Is there a more recent agenda. I'm sorry, there's some agendas that seem to have 1185 on them and some that have 1192.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

1192 is the first one. We will go on to 1223.

1223. Appointing member to the Empire Zone Administrative Board (Thomas Weber). (SCHNEIDERMAN)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Is he here? Would you like to come up, Mr. Weber, please?

MR. WEBER:

Good morning.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Mr. Weber, would you like to tell us about yourself a little.

MR. WEBER:

Sure. I grew up in the Town of East Hampton. Several years back, I moved into the area of Southampton. I'm a lifelong area resident. Early on I was involved with the Boy Scouts. After doing a number of years with the Boy Scouts, I rose to a Junior Assistant Scout Master followed by an Assistant Scout Master, active in sports. One of the things out there was the Peconic Soccer League. During my time with the Peconic Soccer League, I started out as a youngster, as a player, later on as the need arose, I was a coach for the Peconic Soccer League working with the youngsters out there.

I have always been trying to be somehow involved with the community. Currently, I'm with the north •• FRNCA, which is the Flanders Riverside Northampton Community Association. With that particular outfit, I take on a lot of special projects, whether it's chasing after a bar that had a shooting, which was Lena's, you know, doing all of the legwork to try to, you know, stop that. We have been working to try to improve the area in general, which is kind of what this goes along with.

I've been involved with the Riverside •• the name escapes me, where we try to redesign Riverside, the area of it, in particular the River Catwalk is part of

that. I have been involved with the area clean•ups, you know, whatever comes up that seems like a good cause, I certainly, you know, put as much time into it as I can.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

What do you see would be your role on this board? How do you see yourself?

MR. WEBER:

What I bring to the table, I think, which is somewhat unique is I have a background in the construction field. I'm 20 years a carpenter on the East End. After 20 years of carpentry, my body is gone, so I'm in a related field now. Certainly if there's anybody that's going to understand what's involved with construction, I've done both residential, commercial, I have that ability. Being a little bit involved in Town Hall type stuff, I kind of get the government side of it. So, you know, I'm not a novice in it entirely, I have some idea of the workings.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Could I ask Counsel, if you have somewhere in there, the mission of the Empire Zone Administrative Board so we could understand a little bit.

MS. KNAPP:

The Empire Zone is part of State Legislation, it's part of the New York State Economic Development Zone Act. This Legislature ratified the legislation

back in 2003, and created this board that Mr. Weber is a candidate for, the Zone Admission Board. It looks as though the board is intended to, I'm going to say, assist in the •• in the work of •• I see George Gatta is here who probably knows more about this than anybody •• in establishing boundaries, advising on the tax exemptions portion of the zone. It looks like there is an 11 member board to the Empire Zone Administrative Board. It includes representatives from •• education institution representative, local utility representative, a zone resident of the Town of Riverhead, the Riverhead Supervisor is part of it. They serve without compensation and at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. Beyond that, I'm looking at a piece of paper as opposed to knowing the actual administration or the workings of the board as it's been since 2003. Oh, Jim Morgo, that would be great.

MR. MORGO:

I was recently appointed to the Chair of the Zoning Board. There are currently now 13 members, Ms. Knapp, and most of them, 11 of them, come from Riverhead and now two others represent the other areas of the zone. You know, the boundaries were changed, and there are now six zones. The Empire Park at Calverton is the largest, and many people saw the zone as a Town of Riverhead zone, just as we have a zone in Islip and we have a zone in Brookhaven. It isn't, it's a County zone, and it was created because of the closure of the Grumman facilities. And the Zone Administration Board administers the policies concerning everything from the businesses that are certified to be part of the zone and the distribution of businesses. Gabreski is one of the six noncontiguous zones now, because when George Gatta was here, we had the boundaries changed. Mr. Weber would be a member of that administrative board not from Riverhead.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. Legislator Alden, you have a question?

LEG. ALDEN:

Hi, Jim. Didn't they transfer a part of that to Wyandanch?

MR. MORGO:

Yes. Babylon, Babylon was nominating someone, and they withdrew the nomination because the woman did not live in the Town of Babylon. She works for the Town of Babylon, but she did not •• she does not live in the Town of Babylon. So they still have someone to nominate.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. So you said 13 members currently on the board, how many are authorized?

MR. MORGO:

How many are serving now, you mean?

LEG. ALDEN:

Yeah. Well, how many are serving now and how many authorized slots do we have?

MR. MORGO:

I think the full authorization is 14 actually. The County Executive has one, and then most of the others, as Ms. Knapp was reading, decided through the Town of Riverhead.

LEG. ALDEN:

Islip has an economic development, though, right?

MR. MORGO:

Yeah, but it's not part of this. Islip's and Brookhaven's are totally town zones.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay.

MR. MORGO:

This is not. This is a County zone.

LEG. ALDEN:

Then the only thing we have to make sure is that we have somebody from Babylon on it. And almost like •• do you need equal representation?

MR. MORGO:

No. No. Calverton is by far the largest acreage wise. So the predominance of members come from Riverhead named by the Riverhead Town Board.

LEG. ALDEN:

So if it only ends up with one Babylon representative, then you feel that would be, you know, covering all the bases and actually help you out on that?

MR. MORGO:

Yeah. It would be •• that's the way the law is written, that's the way it was configured when the boundaries were changed. So we still have to name someone from Babylon.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. If we fill this position today, does that wipe out what we need to do in ••

MR. MORGO:

No. We still need someone from Babylon.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. But as far as from Riverhead, this would fill up the allotments, so to speak?

MR. MORGO:

Yes. Mr. Weber would be a non•Riverhead appointee.

LEG. ALDEN:

If you could just go over, you know, like the ••

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Schneiderman.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I can clarify that. The Flanders area is actually part of the Town of Southampton, not the Town of Riverhead.

MR. WEBER:

That's correct. And that's part of the reason why we came together as a community association. A lot of people don't know who we are and what we are, and our area needs further recognition. That's why we're also involved with Riverside, which is also believed to be part of Riverhead. And one of the areas that has been deemed to be in need of revitalization is Riverside.

LEG. ALDEN:

Right, but that's part of the zone, right?

MR. MORGO:

Mr. Weber would be representing non•Riverhead.

LEG. ALDEN:

How many slots are there for non•Riverhead?

MR. MORGO:

Two.

LEG. ALDEN:

And one of them is filled already?

MR. MORGO:

No. The other one is Babylon.

LEG. ALDEN:

Oh.

MR. MORGO:

And there's another slot for non•Riverhead, and that's the County Executive's appointee.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. So the County Executive would be appointing somebody, but that's not filled yet?

MR. MORGO:

Yes. That's me.

LEG. ALDEN:

You're the Chairman.

MR. MORGO:

Yes, but I was appointed by the County Executive.

LEG. ALDEN:

Jim, can you run down •• there's 13 total slots. Can you just go over, you know, like •• because it sounds like now only two are •• two are non •Riverhead?

MR. MORGO:

Right.

LEG. ALDEN:

So you have 11 that are Riverhead slots.

MR. MORGO:

Why don't we go quickly over where the zones are in the County; there's Calverton, there's downtown Riverhead, there's two in Riverside, there's Gabreski, and there's Wyandanch. So most of it is in the Town of Riverhead except the two.

LEG. ALDEN:

I just want to understand it so we can give you the best, you know, the best board that you can work with, you know, that's going to represent all of the interests properly.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Schneiderman, did you still want to speak?

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yes. I'm glad you just pointed out where those zones are, because I actually needed some clarification on that too, because I knew that there was that Riverside area, and I wasn't sure that that was an Empire Zone as well.

MR. MORGO:

They are all, Jay, subzones of the County zone.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. So, I mean, it does make sense with Mr. Weber's case being within the Town of Southampton, which has Gabreski and being in that Riverside •Flanders area, he really is well suited for at least questions that relate to those •• those areas. Also, he is in proximity of the Calverton site and the downtown Riverhead site. And this name emerged •• Mr. Weber's name emerged through the Town of Southampton first. And also, the Flanders community has put forth Mr. Weber's name. So he has emerged as the local •• the local choice for this position.

LEG. ALDEN:

If I have a question, I'm going to call Jim now that I know he's the •• you know, the Chairman.

MR. MORGO:

I always welcome your calls.

LEG. ALDEN:

Thank you. All right.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And, Counsel, would you just like to read off those names, please.

MS. KNAPP:

There were two local laws in 2003, and apparently immediately after we

passed the first one, we amended it and added the extra two. The members seem to consist of the Chairman of the Zone Administration Board, and education institution representative, a local •• educational institutional •• institution representative is the second one, the third one is a local utility representative, fourth is a local business representative, the fifth is an organized labor representative, sixth is a community organization representative, seventh is a financial institution representative, eighth is a zone resident of the Town of Riverhead, nine is the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, ten is the Director of the Riverhead Community Development Agency, 11 is the Chair of the Riverhead Development Corporation, and then the amended •• the amendment added 12 and 13, 12 being a resident of the Town of Southampton appointed by the Town Supervisor subject to the approval of the County Legislature, and 13 is a resident of the Town of Babylon appointed by the Supervisor subject to the approval of the County Legislature.

MR. MORGO:

So of all of those that Mea read, 11 of them, it's the Town of Riverhead who names them. You have to name the 12th and the 13th, the Southampton and Babylon.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is slot 12.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Which one is slot 12?

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Southampton, there's a representative appointed by the Supervisor of Southampton.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Thank you.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

And Mr. Weber is that individual.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Anybody else have a question?

LEG. CARPENTER:

I just have a question. This is a County zone with all of these subzones, and we heard all of the representatives, they set the policy for the zones, but I don't see other than the fact that we confirm two appointments made by Town supervisors that there's really any input from this body. We really don't have a representative from this body. There's one from the Executive Branch, and that's Mr. Morgo, but there's no one from the Legislature. So I think maybe we need to look at amending this.

LEG. ALDEN:

What reso was it?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Which one, the original creating the board?

LEG. ALDEN:

Either one.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, I think it was •• we were directed to create it when the state allowed us to form it, correct?

MS. KNAPP:

The original resolution was sponsored by the then County Executive and Legislators Bishop and Cooper.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So could we put in an amended or a new resolution to have a Suffolk Legislature designee?

MS. KNAPP:

Subject to the state law allowing additions? I would just have to look at the state law and make sure.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

All right. Can I ask you to do that?

LEG. ALDEN:

You think that would be a good addition?

MR. MORGO:

Well, it is a County zone.

LEG. ALDEN:

That will give it a little balance, right?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So Counsel will look into it.

MR. MORGO:

I think it makes great philosophical sense, but there's a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Riverhead that frankly has to be adjusted. But also as Ms. Knapp mentioned, you'd have to get the state enabling legislation for Empire Zones to buy into it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay.

LEG. FOLEY:

Something to follow up on.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. We'll take the vote on 1223, appointing member to the Empire Zone Administrative Board (Thomas Weber). (SCHNEIDERMAN).

Motion by Legislator Schneiderman, is there a second? I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? **Approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

Mr. Weber, this has to go to the full Legislature at the next meeting, April 5th. You need not be there, because we have already spoken to you. Thank you.

MR. WEBER:

Thank you.

1253. Accepting and appropriating a grant award from the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce

Development Training Grants Program for Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc., 68% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk Community College and 32% reimbursed by Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Foley. All in favor? Opposed?
1253 is **approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0)**

1256. Accepting and appropriating a grant proposal to the State University of New York at Farmingdale for a National Science Foundation Course, curriculum Laboratory Improvement Program 100% reimbursed by federal funds at Suffolk County Community College. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Carpenter to approve, second by Legislator Alden to put on Consent Calender. All in favor? Opposed? 1256 has been **approved** and placed on the **Consent Calender. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0)**

1257. Accepting and appropriating a Legislative grant award from the State University of New York for a Youth Entrepreneurial Summer Camp Program 100% reimbursed by state funds at Suffolk County Community College.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Same motion, same second, same vote. All in favor? Opposed? 1257 is **approved** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDER. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

1272. Appropriating funds in connection with environmental health and safety • college wide. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Foley, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1272 has been **approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

1277. Appropriating funds in connection with the removal of architectural barriers, ADA compliance. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Cooper, second by Legislator Alden. All those in favor? Opposed? 1277, **APPROVED. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

1278. Appropriating funds in connection with the replacement of unsafe tennis courts. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Carpenter, seconded by Legislator Schneiderman. All in favor? Opposed? 1278 is **approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0)**

LEG. ALDEN:

A point of information, which tennis courts?

MR. STEIN:

Selden, Ammerman Campus.

1291. Appointing Kathleen Giamo as a member of the Suffolk County industrial Development Agency. (LINDSAY)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I think Kathleen Giamo is here. Would you like to come up, Kathleen?

Good morning, Kathleen, how are you?

MS. GIAMO:

I'm great. Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. I think I had a bit of a reality check this morning when Jack O'Connor spoke on my behalf and mentioned 30 years. It was kind of •• it was kind of an awesome reality of 30 years, but I do have a 30 year career here on Long Island. And I would assume, I guess, I'm speaking on my behalf at this point. I would like to say that my being here this morning is a natural evolution of 30 years. I believe that my experience with real estate and the business community and the philanthropic community, the cultural community all of that has brought me to a point in my career where I feel it necessary to be more involved in giving something back to the community.

Suffolk County has been extremely good to me over the years. I was with Reckson Associates for 25 years. I left the company •• almost 25 years, I left the company last December to pursue my own goals after a very satisfying career there, which gave me the opportunity to meet many of you and to be involved in a very wide range of subjects covered, you know, a spectrum of Nassau and Suffolk County. So it really did give me a Long Island perspective.

I believe that following that career, I became involved with the Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy, on a task force, which involved economic development and enabled me to bring together a group of people who represent the business communities from all different perspectives. I have Matt Crawson as part of the task force, Phil Theil from Northrop is part of the task force; Patrick _Foy_, who is President of the United Way; Ed _Pruit_, who is the Hauppauge Industrial Association; Bob Catell who is the Chairman of KeySpan. Those are really some of the types of people on the working on the task force with me.

And our purpose is to be able to come back to the County Executive and tell him what the business community •• what's going on in the business community, what our concerns are, what we feel the needs of Long Island businesses are. We, I think, all of us on the task force have been in some way or another in the last year involved on a national perspective with other •• people from other parts of the country, and we're finding out that we are losing a tremendous amount of our young people on Long Island to other areas. And this, for me in particular, I am part of a 30 member panel, which belongs to the Urban Land Institute, which is a world•wide land use organization. I've been a member there for the past five years. It's a very difficult membership to obtain. There are people from all over the country that want to be part of it, you need to be nominated for it, you need a very long history in land use to be accepted. And notwithstanding that, you need to attend conferences on a yearly basis all over the country in which people

come together to speak about what they're experiencing in their different parts of the region.

And in that capacity, I sit on a panel where we have developed a ten point plan to do a private and •• public and private partnerships, and that is •• what we have done is we've collected the best suggestions and the most successful mechanisms that have worked all over the country to bring these partnerships together. And that has led me to •• actually, it will be published within the next year and distributed across the country. So I've been really very, very fortunate to be part of that and to hear different things and opportunities to learn more about what has been successful, and actually, to learn how other parts of the country are soliciting our young people to come and live and work there.

So my being here today, in my mind, this afforded me another opportunity to be part of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency, because I've worked with them over the years beginning in the early 1980s. I actually was involved with the bonds for different purposes, both taxable and nontaxable for businesses in Suffolk County beginning in the '80s; the New Horizons Industrial Park in Tech 110 in Farmingdale, in Bohemia with Atkins Nutritional, and also with Reckson on office properties in the Route 110 area. So I have experience with the Industrial Development Agency, and I also have an input, I believe, into what I think is a very, very necessary process. It's one of very few economic incentives that we have to attract companies to come to Suffolk County. The importance of it, I cannot stress. No matter who's appointed to the board, I think that the recognition has to be there that this is •• we have so few incentives, and this one is a major, major one and needs to have everyone's attention.

There are some •• there are some things coming up with the Industrial Development bonds on a •• I know on a state basis. I was involved with •• I

am on the board of a number of not•for•profits, one being the Family Service League, who has now opened •• obtained a new facility in Bay Shore. And I chaired their Building and Grounds Committee, and I suggested to them on the purchase of the building, on the renovations, that they be involved, that they solicit for IDA funding, which they did do, and it enabled them to be able to do this facility, which can service, I cannot tell you how many people, but predominantly mostly the Town of Islip and people from all other Suffolk County.

So that led me to also understand that there are •• July of this year, there's a possibility, there's a sunset provision, which will involve not•for•profits with the Industrial Development Agency on a state•wide basis, and I think it's very important, unless that legislation has been changed •• or that sunset provision has been amended, which I'm not aware of, it's something that really needs to be addressed. So all of these difference situations led me to wanting to be part of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency.

I also will say that I am very familiar and very friendly with Bill Mannix, who I also know is a candidate. I have a great deal of respect for Bill and for his abilities. He brings the skill set, which I believe is extremely, extremely good. He knows the technical points of the agency. I worked with him on the bonds for Atkins Nutritional in the Town of Islip. I bring a different skill set. I think my skill set is more diverse in the respective business, because I do work with and represent a wide range of the business community. So I thank you for the opportunity to be here.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. That was quite a thorough presentation, and there's no question that you certainly have all of qualifications, and you certainly have the experience. Does the committee have any questions? Legislator Foley.

LEG. FOLEY:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Ms. Giamo. It's one of the most comprehensive presentations that I've heard in the years I've been here for an IDA candidate. So I want to thank you for •• for that presentation. What I found most interesting, you spoke about at some length, just by way of background, I've always been a big believer in comparative studies or analysis to see how other municipalities in other parts of the country are doing things. So I really picked up on the thought that you had that as a member of the Urban Land Institute and the 10 point plan for developing public•private partnerships that through that conduit, if you will, you can see how other areas of the country are doing certain things and how we can apply that or adapt that to our particular County.

And I think, Madam Chair, that kind of breath of interest County•wide •• rather country•wide is something that can help us on this island that we live on. If you could •• if you were appointed, no doubt you'd stay on as a member of the Urban Land Institute, and it was mentioned earlier that they have yearly meetings, do you see that some of their ideas and programs, if you will, policy, positions, that those things could be brought to bear here, and that, in fact, we could even have perhaps some of the leading lights of that institute and other national institutes come on to the island to speak to the IDA, to speak to us, about how to go about doing the things that, for instance, the IDA is charged to do? Just talk about that, the potential of other organizations that you belong to, that you know of, that presently we're not tapping into their potential to help the IDA and help those decision makers to make the rights decisions for Suffolk County.

MS. GIAMO:

Yes, Legislator Foley, they'd be delighted to come to Long Island and to

speaking to us. I've actually been trying to bring about that. In the last year, they did have a first meeting here in the Garden City Hotel in November. And I have been working with them as Chair of the Real Estate Institute of Long Island University to try to make a partnership to bring them here to speak to the university and to the real estate practitioner members. There are a number of actually economic development people that I have met through the travels, and have said to me any time that you, you know, want to have us come, we'd be more than happy to discuss it.

Actually, one of the most important things that I have learned is the educational facilities •• and I had a conversation with George Gatta earlier this morning about it •• the educational facilities that I have met, they have programs, which I found interesting, that they've actually come directly on to the Island and solicited our graduates to come and move there. And I found that •• I sat in a meeting about a year ago where there were people from the Philadelphia area that came, and they actually did a mailing to some of our seniors in our universities and our colleges and telling them the opportunities for work in that area, and they got a lot of attention from it, they got a lot of response. So, yes, I definitely feel it's imperative in whatever capacity to bring these people and speak to us and find out what they're doing.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You know, I agree with you, Legislator Foley, with this Urban Land Institute that takes you to different areas, I believe that if you're out and about and you're in different states, you're learning a little bit and you're bringing it back here, which is very important. That goes with everything, not just what you do. Does anybody else have any questions? Okay. Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Hi. Thanks for coming down. Just on your •• I don't know if it's a fact sheet or part of your resume, but do you currently chair the Economic Development Advisory Council?

MS. GIAMO:

Yes, I do.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. Are you going to resign from that if you're appointed to this?

MS. GIAMO:

I have not had any intentions of resigning from it, because I didn't see it as being a conflict of interest. If there is something that you would see as a •• I would see it a compliment actually only because it gives me a further opportunity to tap into the minds of people like Phil Theile and Ed _Pruit_.

LEG. ALDEN:

I don't see it as a conflict, what I might see it as, though, is, you know, a concentration of •• you know, instead of bringing, you know, more people into the picture to help with, you know, economic development and industrialization of Long Island, you might be concentrating in the hands of a few, you know, something where we might •• and I'm just raising it as, you know, a question, not even as a, you know, a problem or anything like that. Your recent consulting experiences, you mentioned that you •• it looks like you got bonds from the IDA for construction of something.

MS. GIAMO:

No. I actually when I was with Reckson Associates, they had had tenants, and in part of my responsibilities with the company was to assist tenants and/or new companies. And the last one that I was involved with was Atkins Nutritional in Bohemia, which is probably about five years ago. I have not had •• I haven't been in any way connected to a company that has been doing a bond since I left Reckson.

LEG. ALDEN:

So are you going to continue your consulting work?

MS. GIAMO:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

I'm just assuming that's paid, you know, right?

MS. GIAMO:

Yes. I'm doing it actually right now as •• that is what my career is, and hopefully my intention of making money with. In the capacity as a consultant, I'm not working in a role of doing any commercial brokerage, and I'm not working in a role that would in any way be a conflict of interest in IDA. What I am trying to do is to work with revitalization and new opportunities for redevelopment because we do have such a very limited amount of land to develop.

LEG. ALDEN:

But at least, I mean, you've given some thought to the possibility of a conflict of interest if you're working in a paid consulting if you are on something like this.

MS. GIAMO:

If I felt that there were any •• in any way a conflict of interest or impropriety, I would immediately recuse myself from it, I would step back from it.

LEG. ALDEN:

But at least you've given thought to it, right?

MS. GIAMO:

Yeah. And I think more than what's been most important to me is disclosure. So rather than error on the side of making a mistake with that, I think it would be something I would need to bring to the other members of the board and ask their counsel on it before.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. And just one other observation, and this would have driven my mother and father crazy, because they were both graduates of Bay Shore High School, I think it's the last page, every place else you have Bay Shore as two words, but on the last page, you've got, "Bayshore Facility," Bay Shore as one word. My mother and father, they wouldn't have tolerated that.

MS. GIAMO:

You know, actually my spell check did that. And I remember on the computer picking that up and saying, "I feel it's two words," but my spell check went into it, and then it went into the national internet base, and it came back the same, and I said, "I'm not sure now." Now, I'm reading it either right or wrong.

LEG. ALDEN:

I remember as a little guy, though, I'm writing Bay Shore and putting it all together and get slapped on the hand.

LEG. FOLEY:

That wouldn't happen here.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. CARPENTER:

We passed •• how are you? Nice to see you. There were two resolutions passed at the Legislature last Tuesday regarding the IDA, and there was much discussion on it and the fact that candidates for consideration to the board now would make a commitment to adhere to these. Have you been apprised of them?

MS. GIAMO:

No, I have not.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Counsel, could you, please, just reiterate what those two resolutions are?

MS. KNAPP:

Well, we passed one, and the second actually was a request that has not quite been laid on the table yet. We passed a resolution requiring that all future candidates for the Industrial Development Agency commit to the Legislature that they supported prevailing wage on IDA finance projects. The new resolution that has been requested and not yet laid on the table added the Living Wage Law to that.

MS. GIAMO:

I am familiar with both the living wage and the prevailing wage, and is that •
• was that to be applied uniformly ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

(Shaking head yes).

MS. GIAMO:

•• in terms of the Towns and the County Industrial Development Agency?

LEG. FOLEY:

We can only do the County.

LEG. CARPENTER:

No. But any of the IDA projects that go forward that you would be in a position to approve or be working on, you would have to make the commitment that that would be a criteria that the company would have to adhere to.

MS. GIAMO:

Well, the prevailing wage has always been •• in my mind, has always been something that has been very important to the •• to our union •• our unions, and that then •• obviously to me, that adapts down to the jobs on Long Island. Our unions right now are having a tremendous, tremendous problem with not having any work. And also seeing every morning when I drive by, and I guess everyone here does know that there is a very big effort right now and a very big blowup rat on Motor Parkway in Hauppauge with the Hyatt Hotel who have brought in people from outside of the Long Island to do the work, which I find extremely offensive.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay. So you agree with all of this, you agree with the concept, but the question is are you willing to make a commitment that you will adhere to the resolution that was passed that all projects would have to be according to the provisions of prevailing wage?

MS. GIAMO:

If are you •• are you saying to me that that is one of the provisions that all of the members of the ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

Correct.

MS. GIAMO:

Well, then I would definitely support that, and my answer would be, yes. I would just want to make one note with that, which is that I think that •• and I asked the question about the towns only because I don't know where that stands, but I do know that having done IDA financing with the town and with the County, my asking you is it uniform, and obviously it isn't, my only concern would be that the County not become noncompetitive.

LEG. FOLEY:

Excellent point.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, the point, then I guess, should have been raised when we passed the resolution, but it wasn't. The resolution was passed and asked that all future appointments to the IDA make that firm commitment, so that's why I'm asking the question.

LEG. ALDEN:

Can I interrupt you just for one second, Legislator Carpenter?

LEG. FOLEY:

Madam Chair, can you just put me on the list?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Hold on one second. Counsel just needed to say one thing before. So Counsel first, then Alden, then Foley.

MS. KNAPP:

The sponsor of the IDA resolution recognized the fact that this Legislature does not control the Town IDAs, and simultaneously with the resolution regarding the County IDA appointments, there was a Sense Resolution also passed requesting that New York State make it a state•wide requirement that would impact both town and county.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

One point of clarification. You'd be the only one that would be bound by that right now. We can only go forward, so we couldn't go back to the members of the IDA that have already been appointed. So any new ones that come on, those are the ones that would be required by that resolution to make that pledge. So in answer to your question, everybody on the board is not bound to it, you would be if you were appointed. I have two questions of Counsel, though. The IDA •• what's the mission of IDA? And also, if you can just go through how many slots there are and who is responsible for filling those slots and how many other openings and things like that.

MS. KNAPP:

I believe that this is the only opening that is currently available on the IDA Board, except that IDA Board members are all subject to the pleasure of the appointing authority, and they're all Legislative appointments, and that's by State Law as opposed to any enactment of any local law that this Legislature passed.

LEG. ALDEN:

And how many people do we have on the IDA Board?

MS. KNAPP:

Seven.

LEG. ALDEN:

Traditionally, has there been any type of attempt to, you know, spread that out County•wide or anything like that?

MS. KNAPP:

Do you mean geographically?

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes.

MS. KNAPP:

You know, I'd have to go back and look at every single appointment resolution to be sure of that. I'm trying to think of the members that I know offhand and where they are from. I would guess they're primarily ••

LEG. ALDEN:

There's a former member from Islip, the town, the great Town of Islip.

MS. KNAPP:

How many are currently on board?

MR. MORGO:

Two.

LEG. ALDEN:

Mea, could you just do the •• you know, like, what's the major charge for people on the IDA Board, their mission statement, so to speak.

MS. KNAPP:

The purpose of the State Law was to allow economic •• to foster economic development by creating these agencies that offered financial incentives to businesses that were willing to locate in our County, or in the case of the towns, within the particular towns. And basically they do that by offering a tax free financing by using themselves as a municipal vehicle for this tax free financing.

LEG. ALDEN:

Thanks.

MS. KNAPP:

I can see Mr. Morgo wanted to add to that.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator Foley, did you have a question?

LEG. FOLEY:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Giamo, I know it caught you a little bit by surprise the question about the •• about the prevailing wage. I'm not sure where the language says that the person is bound by it, but I think we are •• we make that request. It is an authority, and as such, will ultimately have their •• make their own decisions.

LEG. ALDEN:

It only requires a blood oath.

LEG. FOLEY:

No, it doesn't require that, not close. But what it is, is it does request that that would be •• that you would follow our wishes, if you will, in applying prevailing wage provisions to your decision making. But she raises a point, which none of us, as much as •• as much as many of us take pride in our homework, but she raises a point. In the short period of time that she has been asked this question, she raised a point that none of us had raised when we debated this issue, whether or not this puts the County IDA at a disadvantage, at a competitive disadvantage, with the towns.

So I think what will also be interesting, particularly when Mr. Mannix comes back, who is on the Islip IDA, and I think what we need to do is to do our

level best to also have our counterparts on the Town Boards throughout the County to make the same request of the their IDA appointments as we are making of ours so that the County IDA is not put at any competitive disadvantage with the town IDAs. I think that's an excellent point that the candidate has brought up, and it's one that we should •• should seriously consider, because it's one that, as I said, is something that we hadn't discussed before. But in the short period •• brief period of time that this candidate had heard the question, she raises something that we do need to • • do need to broach with our counterparts and Town boards throughout •• throughout the County, because there is that friendly competition, I would call it, between the County IDA and the town •• Town IDAs.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay.

LEG. FOLEY:

Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you very much. I don't believe there any other questions. So we have 1291. Do I have a motion?

LEG. FOLEY:

Motion to approve.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I'm going to make a motion to table ••

LEG. COOPER:

Second the motion.

LEG. CARPENTER:

•• and it certainly is no disrespect intended to the candidate or her qualifications, but I think by her own admission, Mr. Mannix certainly is qualified, and I'd like to wait until we have an opportunity to interview him at the next meeting. So I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. ALDEN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a motion to table by Legislator Carpenter, seconded by Legislator Alden.

LEG. FOLEY:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

On the motion.

LEG. FOLEY:

We will be making a decision at the next meeting, and Mr. Mannix will be available at the next meeting?

LEG. CARPENTER:

I think so.

LEG. FOLEY:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Mr. Mannix will come to the next meeting, and we will table just for one cycle. Kathleen, it's certainly up to you if you wanted to come back here to the next committee meeting.

LEG. FOLEY:

So we have a date for that, Madam Chair?

MS. JULIUS:

That's May 11th.

LEG. FOLEY:

Let's ask the Clerk's Office.

MS. JULIUS:

May 11th.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

May 11th is the next meeting. Mr. Mannix will be here at that meeting, and that is up to you. Of course we've spoken to you already. I know you have a very busy schedule, but it certainly would be up to you if you wanted to come back and address the committee again.

MS. GIAMO:

Actually, I appreciate the invitation, but I honestly •• out of respect for Bill, I think that Bill should have the same opportunity I've had today, which is to have the floor to himself. I respect Bill a great deal.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I heard you say that, then I will support the tabling motion.

MS. GIAMO:

Thank you. I appreciate that.

LEG. FOLEY:

I think the sponsor of the bill would like to say something.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Madam Chair, if I may be recognized. I'm here this morning as a visitor because I'm the sponsor of the resolution for Kathleen and admire Kathleen's fairness in this whole process. But the issue talking you were about before about prevailing wages and IDA. There's a historical perspective here. In the mid '80s, early '80s, we did have a provision in our Suffolk County IDA that prevailing wages would be paid. Somewheres along the line, it was eliminated as some of the personnel was changed. So it's not that it hasn't been done before.

LEG. ALDEN:

I have a question through the Chair.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Bill, do you know if New York State requires enabling legislation to go one way or the other or it's strictly just up to the jurisdiction.

LEG. LINDSAY:

It's up to jurisdiction. There's been legislation trying to change the state regs a number of different times, it has not been successful.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you very much. To the Clerk, did we get the vote? Yes. **TABLED.**
(VOTE: 6•0•0•0)

1333. Authorizing the County Executive to renew the airport joint use agreement with the United States of America for the New York Air National Guard. (COUNTY EXEC).

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Schneiderman, seconded by Legislator Foley. All those in favor? Opposed? 1333 is **approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

SENSE RESOLUTIONS

S.016. Sense of the Legislature Resolution in support of securing state's rights with regard to the siting of proposed energy supply projects. (COOPER)

LEG. COOPER:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Cooper, seconded by Legislator Foley.

LEG. ALDEN:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

On the motion, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Either Legislative Counsel or the sponsor of the bill, could you just explain what you are doing there and what this calls for?

LEG. COOPER:

Well, it's using the example of Broadwater Energy. The major question is whether state agencies such as the DEC or Department of State do have an ability to stop a project that they feel not is not in the best interest of the state either for environmental reasons or health reasons or public safety reasons, and the problem is that no one really has the answer to that, because there are serious concerns that the federal Government whether it be through FERC or other agencies will be able to trump the ability of the state to stop a project that would not be in our best interest. So this is advocating for the position that the state should have a real say in the siting of energy projects like this.

LEG. ALDEN:

So this basically in an interpretation of the Constitution that would lean more towards the state's rights rather than the federal reservation of powers on the Constitution.

LEG. COOPER:

On projects of this type, yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Keeps the decision more in regional hands.

LEG. ALDEN:

I had one other question though. You don't go into the emergency powers in the Constitution, or does this?

LEG. COOPER:

I don't think so.

LEG. ALDEN:

No, but you're just saying on a straight •• you know, a straight question basis, the state should have more say, you're not saying that any of those state's rights should be or shouldn't be superceded by the emergency powers in the Constitution.

LEG. COOPER:

We don't get into that at all.

LEG. ALDEN:

All right. Good.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. I have a motion by Legislator Cooper, seconded by Legislator Foley. All in favor? Opposed? **Approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0).**

S.024. Sense of the Legislature Resolution in opposition to high density residential use of the state property located at Kings Park. (NOWICK)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Carpenter. All in favor? Opposed? **Approved. (VOTE: 6•0•0•0)**

We know have to go into Executive Session, so I would ask that •• so we are going into the other room. We are going to recess for Executive Session. And the two law firms that are represented will be brought in one by one. First, Kenneth Robinson. Is he here?

MR. ROBINSON:

Good morning.

MS. KNAPP:

Good morning.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

This is what we're going to do. We're going to go into Executive Session, and each attorney has 15 minutes. We'll be back here at a quarter to twelve to do Parks, and everybody will be out at 12:00. I need the County Attorney, Budget Review Joe Schroeder and Mr. Robinson.

(* AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 11:18 A.M. until 11:44 A.M.*)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We are going to adjourn Economic Development. Motion by myself, seconded by Legislator Schneiderman. All in favor? Opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

(* THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:44 A.M.*)

_ _ DENOTES BEING SPELLED PHONETICALLY